

Extra Frames:

Extra innings haunt Mustangs in series loss to UCSB, 8

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

High: 74°
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Playground gets makeover



Children watch bulldozers next to the ASI Children's Center playground, which is being revamped to comply with California safety regulations.

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By Sarah Stephan

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Five-year-old Nina Van Noy can't wait for the new play equipment to come.

"It's not going to have splinters in it," she said.

"And we can play on it without our

shoes on!" yelled an excited boy.

For two months, the children at the Associated Students Inc. Children's Center have spent recess playing in an empty sand lot, surrounded by orange netting and mounds of dirt. The center has adapted the recess schedule by shifting the play area and taking the children for

more walks around campus, said Tonya Iversen, director of children's programs.

"The children have adapted well," Iversen said. "We try to keep the kids out and busy."

Emily Otter, head teacher of 3- and

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Vote on additional fee increase delayed

► Trustees uphold budget reduction in May revise; future increases yet to be decided

By Allison Terry

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University Board of Trustees delayed a vote last week on whether to implement student fee increases by 25 percent for fall quarter. The board delayed their vote in order to account for Governor Davis' May Revise for the 2003-04 budget.

The May Revise upholds the previously proposed \$260.7 million net reduction for the CSU budget. The state legislature must now approve the governor's proposed budget.

Three proposals currently circulate the state legislature asking for additional CSU budget cuts ranging from \$69.5 to \$200 million, according to a press release from the CSU Chancellor's Office.

"There is \$69.5 million that still needs to be cut from the budget," said Jake Parnell, agribusiness senior and Associated Students Inc. president. "We know that (the governor's) main revise took a few more dollars from the CSU system, but not dramatically like was expected."

Presently, student fees for Fall quarter are scheduled to increase by

about 25 percent, according to the Spring and Fall 2003 fee schedules. Fees for the College of Liberal Arts equal \$1,067.50, and fees for the College of Agriculture, College of Architectural and Environmental Design, Orfalea College of Business, College of Science and Math and College of Engineering equal \$1,145.

However, if the state budget increases, the Board of Trustees could implement increases greater than 25 percent for undergraduates and 20 percent for graduates.

"The vote was initially postponed because there is no conformation on what the CSU system will receive in terms of state funding," said Clara Potes-Fellow, spokesperson for the Chancellor's Office. "They are waiting for a clear financial situation for the state before they vote to increase fees."

CSU officials do not know what the likelihood of a greater increase than 25 percent will be.

"The governor recommended the 25 percent fee increase, but the legislature cannot implement them," Potes-Fellow said. "The Board of Trustees sets the fee increases and policies to save money in all areas of administration."

The Board of Trustees already raised student fees by \$48 winter quarter to make up for the mid-year

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Students, community discuss relations

By Meghan Nowakowski

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and San Luis Obispo permanent residents are making an attempt to improve their relations.

Thirty people gathered for the second Town Hall Meeting in the University Union Saturday to discuss problems facing student and resident relationships. Campus police, city officials, the San Luis Obispo Police Department, local business representatives, students and residents were all present.

"I think it was very positive," said Alison Anderson, civil engineering senior and ASI community relations director. "All of the key players were there, and helped to formulate some great ideas."

Among the issues discussed were stereotypes involving students and residents, noise and how to be a better neighbor.

"This year we decided that we wanted more of a workshop form," Anderson said. "Last year we had a panel of community members and just held a question and answer ses-

▼ "Everyone there was really concerned about this issue. From business owners to sorority presidents, it was nice to see everyone wanting to get involved."

Kaitlin Ayers
ASI vice president

sion. That got kind of heated. People stayed really cooperative this year."

ASI vice president and business senior Kaitlin Ayers said it was great to see community members showing their support.

"Everyone there was really concerned about this issue," Ayers said. "From business owners to sorority presidents, it was nice to see everyone wanting to get involved."

One aspect of the workshop was finding solutions to better neighbor

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Potassium iodine available locally

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Any student who has taken chemistry can recall KI as potassium iodine, more commonly known as a component in iodized salt.

But outside the classroom, knowledge about potassium iodine can be a health benefit, especially in San Luis Obispo County.

Potassium iodine, manufactured in pill form can be used to aid in the prevention of thyroid gland cancer, caused by radioactive iodine. Exposure to radioactive iodine can result from emergency events at nuclear power plants.

In February, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) mailed an information packet about potassium iodine to residents of California's two power plant emergency planning zones. San Luis Obispo County is one of these zones due to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

The information packet included an order form to receive two potassium iodine tablets per person in each household, free of charge. The potassium iodine distribution program will be in effect through Aug. 30.

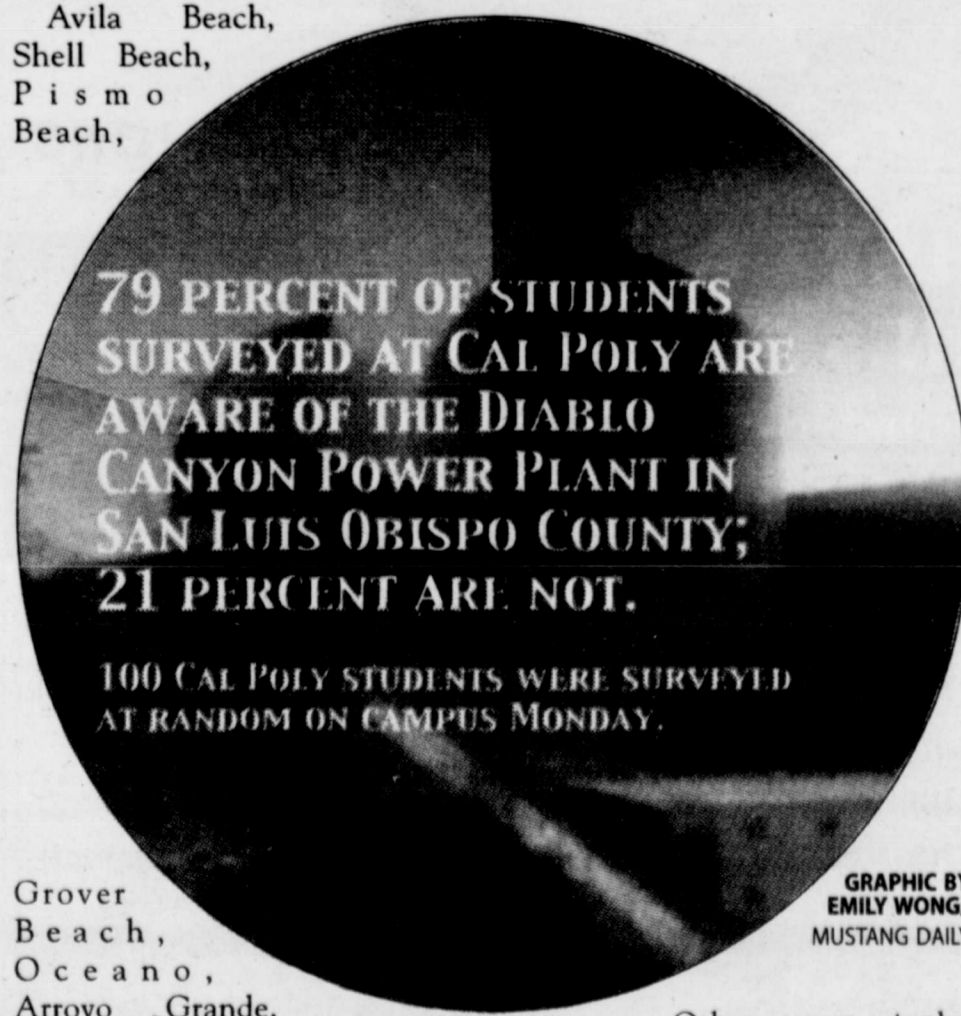
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Pismo Beach,

Grover Beach,
Oceano,
Arroyo Grande,
Nipomo, Cayucos, Los Osos, Baywood Park, Morro Bay and the city of San Luis Obispo are listed on the OES Web site to be within the jurisdiction of the potassium iodine distribution program.

Other areas include cities near San Onofre in south Orange County.

A survey conducted on campus Monday asked 100 students if they

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Weather Watch

5-Day Forecast

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THURSDAY
High: 76° / Low: 51°

FRIDAY
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SUNDAY
High: 74° / Low: 51°

Today's Sun

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Today's Moon

Rises: 12:26 a.m. / Sets: 10:14 p.m.

Today's Tides

Low: 8:50 a.m. / -1.1 feet
High: 1:01 a.m. / 5.5 feet
Low: 4:17 p.m. / 3.7 feet
High: 8:14 p.m. / 3 feet

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4-year-olds, agreed.

"There have been a lot of questions from the children and we have been in a smaller space," Otter said. "The construction has given the children something to watch, though. I am surprised at how well it has gone."

The two wooden structures were excavated in early April because they did not meet new California safety regulations. According to the new California safety standards, all playground equipment must be manufactured and installed by a certified playground company.

"The old structures were not unsafe, but they were built 11 years ago by a contractor," Iversen said.

The new legislation required that all existing equipment be checked. Inspectors looked for potential hazards, measuring the space between bars to make sure children's limbs could not get stuck.

Many children's centers in the state had to move or replace their existing equipment, Iversen said. Although the children's center has a 1-to-8 adult to child ratio, they must follow the same rules as public parks, which do not have any supervision requirements.

The first stage of the playground reconstruction, two structures and a swing set, will be installed by June 30.

Iversen said the children were sad to see the old equipment taken out and impatient for the new structures to arrive.

► May 31, Playground Promenade 5K and 10K walk/run fundraiser.

► Registration at 8 a.m.

"There will be pandemonium when the new equipment comes," she said. "All the children will want to play with everything at once, but we will have to keep them off the equipment until it is completely ready."

Tina Leon, a mother of two boys who attend the center, said all the children are excited about the new equipment.

"It looks like quite a discovery area," she said.

Plans for the rest of the play area will be implemented over the next five years. Proposed designs include a water play area, cushion-material surfaces and landscaping.

The new equipment will be paid for primarily through grants and donations.

On May 31, Cal Poly will host Playground Promenade, a five and 10-kilometer walk and run to raise money for the playground renovation.

All community members are invited to attend. Registration for the walks begins at 8 a.m. Children's activities such as face painting, arts and crafts and a petting zoo begin at 10 a.m. There is also a children's run and lunch barbecue.

"There are many ways to be involved," said speech communications senior Jamie Gilles, who is helping to plan the Playground Promenade for her senior project. "We want to get people driven about helping one of the few accredited preschools in the area."

The goal of the one-day event was originally to raise \$4,000 toward the new playground. Now, Gilles said they want to raise more than that.

"If at least 300 people come, and they are able to tell even more people about the playground, it will really increase awareness," Gilles said.

absolutely no fee increase."

The biggest concerns at Cal Poly are maintaining access to classes, continuing the quality of education and insuring that students still receive financial aid, Parnell said. He said one-third of student fees should go to financial aid.

"The CSU financial aid program is strong and 140,000 students will qualify for financial aid this year," Potes-Fellow said. "This number

will increase since higher fees will qualify more people to receive aid. The students who currently receive aid will not be harmed because the governor proposed to increase financial aid to compensate for fee increases."

The Board of Trustees should vote by July on whether student fees will increase by 25 percent or higher.

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had received an information packet in the mail from OES. Seventy-four percent reported they had not, while 26 recalled receiving the mailer and order form. Residence hall students on campus did not receive potassium iodine distribution information.

According to a fact sheet provided by OES, "potassium iodine protects the thyroid gland by satisfying its requirement for iodine. ... Potassium iodine is not an 'anti-radiation' pill. It is a supplemental protective measure, secondary to evacuation or sheltering in place."

For more information about the distribution of potassium iodine and using it to prevent radioactive iodine, call (800) 550-5281 or visit www.oes.ca.gov.

—Mustang Daily staff writer Emily Wong contributed to this report.

Student Survey

Have you heard about the potassium iodine distribution program for residents in the vicinity of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant?

Yes: 36
No: 64

Did you receive in the mail an information packet with facts about potassium iodine and an order form to receive two tablets of potassium iodine free of charge?

Yes: 26
No: 74

Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant?

Yes: 17
No: 83

What's Going On

Coming up this week

***"How to Be an Ally"** - The student coordinator of GLBU and the assistant director of Student Life and Leadership will present a workshop today in 11 a.m. in UU220.

***Student Diversity Forum** -

Administrators will answer questions about diversity in the Yosemite Hall main lounge today at 6 p.m.

***Homosexuality and Religion** - There will be a panel discussion about homosexuality and religion in the Yosemite Hall main lounge today at 7 p.m.

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budget deficiency.

"We understand that there are certain fee increases that will most likely have to take place, because the bottom line is that \$38.5 billion is a lot of money," Parnell said. "We are not being realistic if we say

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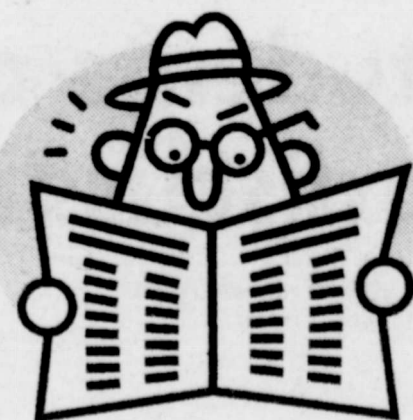
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National Briefs

Divers search San Francisco Bay for fourth straight day for evidence in Laci Peterson case

RICHMOND, Calif. — For the fourth straight day, divers searched the chilly waters of San Francisco Bay on Monday for more evidence in the death of Laci Peterson.

Officials have refused to be specific about what evidence they are seeking, or what they have found, in what they describe as a follow-up investigation.

The bodies of the Modesto woman, who was eight months pregnant when she disappeared in December, and her unborn son washed onto a Richmond shoreline last month.

The decomposed remains were found several miles north of where Peterson's husband, Scott, said he went fishing on Christmas Eve — the day he says he last saw his wife.

Shortly after the bodies were found, Scott Peterson was arrested and charged with two counts of murder. He has pleaded innocent and is jailed without bail.

Supreme Court declines to hear case over terrorism-related detentions

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court turned away an appeal Monday over detention of hundreds of U.S. prisoners picked up in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The court did not comment in

rejecting an appeal from clergy, lawyers and others who wanted to go to court on behalf of the prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without charges or access to lawyers.

Lower federal courts had blocked the legal challenge on grounds that the clergy group did not have legal standing.

The clergy group sued President Bush, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others last year.

"The United States government violated basic principles of international human rights law in forcibly removing prisoners of war from Afghanistan, transporting them to Guantanamo and holding them indefinitely in small outdoor cages," the clergy group alleged.

The suit claimed the prisoners were deprived of their liberty and have not been informed of the accusations against them, in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

The coalition demanded that the government provide the prisoners with lawyers, bring them before a U.S. court, acknowledge their identities and define the charges against them. The detainees are from 42 countries.

White House press secretary to resign in July

WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, the public face of the Bush administration through two wars and a terrorist attack, said Monday he will resign in July to enter the private sector.

"I love this job," Fleischer told reporters at his informal Monday morning briefing. "I believe deeply about President Bush as a man and I believe deeply in his policies, but it's my time to go."

He would not speculate on who would take his place, but presidential aides said deputy press secretary Scott McClellan was the likely successor, although there are other possibilities.

Fleischer said he wanted to leave the hard-driving job before Bush's re-election campaign geared up.

"I want to do something more relaxing — like dismantle live nuclear weapons," he quipped.

Fleischer clashed at times with the White House press corps and had an uneasy relationship with some senior Bush aides, but he said the departure was his idea. He notified Bush of his decision Friday. The president ended the conversation "by kissing me on the head," the spokesman said.

International Briefs

Suicide bombing at Israeli shopping mall; fifth attack in two days

AFULA, Israel — A suicide attacker detonated explosives at the entrance to a crowded mall in northern Israel on Monday, killing at least three shoppers and wounding 47, the latest in a series of bombings that have derailed U.S. peace efforts.

The attack in the town of Afula

was the fifth suicide bombing with 48 hours, following blasts in Gaza, Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The spate of bombings underscored how difficult it will be to carry out the U.S.-backed "road map" plan, a three-stage prescription for ending violence immediately and setting up a Palestinian state by 2005.

In Washington, President Bush said the string of attacks were aimed at stopping the peace process, but insisted "the road map still stands." He called it "sad and pathetic" that some "cannot stand the thought of peace."

Belgian voters back four more years of liberal-socialist coalition

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Free-market liberals and socialists moved to put together a new government in Belgium on Monday after a resounding election victory gave them a strong mandate to continue economic reforms and tax breaks.

The win returns to office Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, whose center-left coalition over the past four years has also pursued controversial social policies.

This time, he will likely be without his former junior coalition partners, the Greens, who suffered a huge defeat in both Dutch-speaking Flanders and Wallonia, the country's French-speaking south.

The Greens' losses were as remarkable as the gains of the anti-immigration Flemish Bloc. It was the second consecutive defeat for

the Christian Democrats, who dominated Belgian politics for decades until their ouster in 1999 elections.

Helicopters search for survivors of floods, landslides that leave 200 dead in Sri Lanka

RATNAPURA, Sri Lanka — Air force helicopters and police teams searched for survivors in remote villages Monday after a weekend of floods and landslides killed up to 200 people in south-central Sri Lanka, officials said.

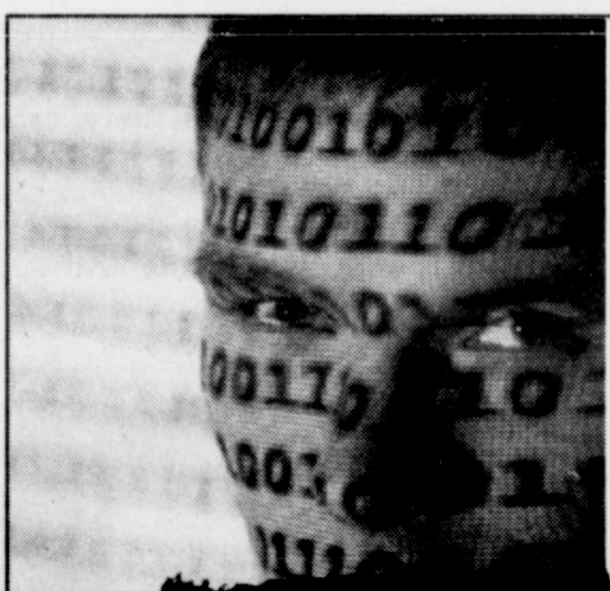
Forecasters said more rain was on its way, which would make the plight of about 150,000 people left homeless even more difficult.

"It is a very grim situation," said rehabilitation minister Jayalath Jayawardene. "I have been told that at least 200 people have died and still there are people unaccounted for."

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said the disaster was the nation's worst in five decades. The final death toll is "going to be heavy, sorry to say," he said without elaborating.

In Ratnapura, home to 1 million people, about 40,000 homes were damaged by the floods and landslides, forcing people to take shelter. Much of the area was without electricity and telephone service because the landslides damaged overhead lines.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.



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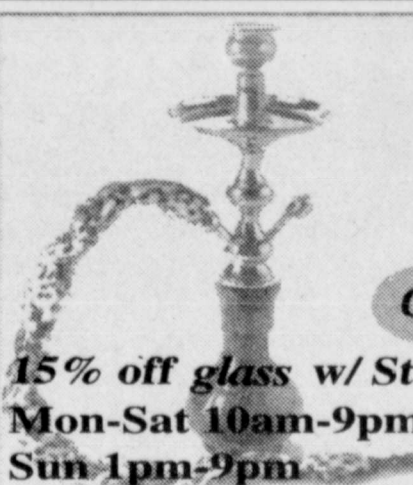
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Eastern Thought

Buddhism comes to SLO

By Sarah Stephan

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The birds lightly chirp in the background. The early evening breeze drifts through the room. The sun sets in the distance, glistening over the water of Morro Bay. In a small room overlooking a scenic golf course, a group of students sit in peaceful silence.

Every Wednesday night, BodhiPath students meet at Sea Pines Resort in Los Osos. The group convenes for chants, meditation, teaching and discussion under direc-



Lama Anila Khedrub

tion of a Buddhist teacher.

BodhiPath is a specific lineage of Buddhism. Bodhi means "enlightened" or "awakening." The name BodhiPath is derived from the Bodhi tree, which Buddha is said to have sat under while enlightened.

Two years ago, statistics professor Andrew Schaffner was in a small meditation group. The participants

wanted to learn more about Buddhism and searched for a teacher. Now, students are guided under BodhiPath, an international community of meditation centers. There are also sister BodhiPath centers in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles.

Resident teacher Anila Khedrub divides her time among the three centers. Lama Khedrub is a nun who has been practicing Buddhism for more than 20 years. "Lama" is a title for a religious teacher who is approved to teach Buddhist principles.

While in Los Osos, Lama Khedrub is a guest in her students' houses. As a nun, she has taken a vow of poverty; the \$10 per student session fee goes toward her traveling expenses. When Lama Khedrub is teaching at the other centers, she assigns a student to lead readings and meditation.

Lama Khedrub teaches her students to practice the Buddhist principles of awareness and compassion. With practice, the Lama said her students can learn that awareness and compassion are beneficial to all human beings.

"We can develop these qualities through meditation and contemplating Buddhist teachings," she said.

Lama Khedrub said she teaches by engaging students in the dharma, or Buddhist teachings.

"I try to inspire students to ask questions so my teaching can apply to their lives, their real questions," she said. "I like to mix it up with students and get them curious."

About 15 participants attend the sessions every week, ranging from college students to those over 50 years old.

Education graduate student Hans

Lindauer started attending sessions in January. He started studying Buddhism on his own three years ago.

Lindauer said he could apply what he learns in class to daily circumstances. For example, if he is driving and there is a slow car in front of him, Lindauer said he is learning how to make the slow car not bother him.

"Class gives you a perspective on how to look at things objectively and rise above internal turmoil," he said.

Morro Bay resident Brad Crampton has studied Buddhism for five years and now goes to the BodhiPath sessions. He said the Buddhist teachings help personally and also in relations with others.

"You always learn something valuable in Lama Khedrub's teachings," Crampton said. "I would summarize Buddhism as the way to find true happiness."

The May BodhiPath sessions cover directing oneself toward studying a path to enlightenment. After a series of chants, a half-hour meditation and a break for tea, students listen to a teaching.

In the May 7 session, Lama Khedrub discussed refuge and precepts and how they are the foundation for those whose goal is supreme enlightenment. Refuge refers to committing oneself to the Buddhist path. Lama Khedrub explained the Buddhist teachings and applied them to important messages. For example, she said in order to help other human beings, we need to learn to help ourselves first.

For more information, visit the BodhiPath Web site at www.bodhipath-west.org.

Sex Sells

Provocative projects



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Not your typical library fare: Art and design senior Joseph Hsu's senior project, 'Betelnut Beauty — A Voyeuristic Visual Diary,' captures the erotic marketing used to sell the betelnut, a southern Asian fruit, in Taiwan. The women are walking advertisements, sex symbols that set themselves glaringly apart from their Western magazine counterparts. The exhibit is on display at the Kennedy Library gallery through Sunday.

Health store offers more than just hummus and tofu

► New Frontiers' Music in the Deli appeals to local musicians, low-key audience

By Laura Newman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday nights, you can find more than just tofu in the deli at New Frontiers Natural Marketplace. There is live acoustic music among the grilled vegetables and chicken strips.

For the past year, New Frontiers has offered a free Wednesday evening live music series called Music in the Deli.

The performers are usually solo or duet acoustic artists who play everything from blues and Celtic styles to bluegrass, said Janelle Younger, New Frontiers marketing manager.

"We feature all local artists," Younger said. "There aren't too many places in (San Luis Obispo) for local artists to play and there is so much great talent in this town. We are excited to showcase it."

Younger was inspired to begin

Music in the Deli after witnessing the success of a similar music series in the Solvang New Frontiers store.

"The Solvang store does a summer concert series outdoors," Younger said. "I was jealous and began Music in the Deli."

The New Frontiers performers are a mix of San Luis Obispo veteran musicians and local students. Some performers return on a three or four-month rotation, but spaces are always left open for new performers, Younger said.

Sadek Baroudi is a computer science sophomore who plays acoustic alternative rock at New Frontiers.

"(New Frontiers) is a good environment with, on some nights, a very good crowd," Baroudi said. "I play there because it's an enjoyable experience and I love getting a reaction out of the people watching."

Depending on the week, Music in the Deli usually draws about 10 to 30 spectators. The deli can seat up to 45.

"We have a regular crowd that comes every Wednesday," Younger said. "Some Cal Poly students come

for class credit, which we totally encourage."

Younger asks interested musicians to bring in a demo tape or compact disc; however, musicians are also welcome to audition live.

"We don't want to overwhelm shoppers with music that is too loud or disruptive," Younger said. "One (woman) whose CD I listened to sounded fine on the CD, but she sounded terrible in person. People called in and asked us not to have her back."

Singer and songwriter Amie Richie plays folk-pop music at New Frontiers every three months.

"I first played New Frontiers last summer after I brought my three-song demo in to (Younger)," Richie said. "The best part of playing New Frontiers is that you get to meet new people and share music. Actually, there is no worst part!"

Local residents Bob and Wendy Liepman have been playing origi-

"There aren't too many places in San Luis Obispo for local artists to play and there is so much great talent in this town. We are excited to showcase it."

Janelle Younger

New Frontiers marketing manager

nal lyrical-based folk-pop in Central Coast wineries and coffeehouses for the past 14 years. They said they like the community setting that New Frontiers offers.

"You never know who might be shopping while you are playing," Liepman said. "It is a unique setting, but a good way to get more people exposed to our music."

Younger said Music in the Deli benefits the musicians as well as the store.

"Even the shoppers, employees and people in the checkout line love it," she said.

Music in the Deli happens every Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. For information on future performances, contact Younger at 785-0194.

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Spittin' Game

Def Jam Vendetta brings the pain — literally

► Mustang Daily reporter rents fight-based video game; the only bruises left were on her pocketbook

By Amanda Hippe
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two-way pagers, dark alleys, Escalades sitting on 24s and underground clubs are the only highlights in the newly released EA Sports video combat game.

Def Jam Vendetta is a rather life-like fighting game filled with shady sets, scantily clad girls, thugged-out opponents and, worst of all, real-life rappers like Method Man, Redman, Ludacris, Keith Murray and N.O.R.E.

With the latest hardcore hip-hop plugged as background music, players must start out as unknown wannabes sporting names like Spider, Tank, Manny and Drake. A bald, tattooed booking agent arranges the matches, and the more ass that's beat, the higher in the illegal ring of barbaric behavior a player gets.

Simply put, the game was ridiculous.

It was shocking to think that wealthy, successful hip-hop artists would want to put their name and face on a game like this. This is a barbaric and a hurtful stereotype of rap artists.

The two other participants in this game review, engineering senior Nick Streeter and business alum Marc Thomas, were on the floor roaring with laughter no more than five minutes into playing.

"Is this game for real?" Thomas asked. "I can't believe they actually went through with this idea."

Streeter was in more denial after he won his first match and, along with the cash he won to improve his player, a voluptuous blonde crossed his character's path and gave him a wink and smile.

Yes, that's right; one of the goals of the game is to get the most women to cheer for you and get their pictures to put up in a dirty photo gallery.

"This is nuts," Streeter exclaimed. "These (women) look like Vegas strippers and, not

to mention, have really big boobs."

The game's playability was also on the downside. There were no quick instructions for controlling fighters' moves. Players had to go to a separate option to learn all the button combinations in order to kick ass harder than the other thug. Occasionally, if in a lot of trouble, a tip would appear in the bottom corner of the screen on how to save the fighter and pull away to stop the momentum of the other fighter.

After losing his third match to Scarface, Thomas said, "This guy really beat my thug down. He pulled some crazier moves than in Street Fighter II."

The moves programmed for the characters were brutal and very realistic. Blood flew across the mat and strong words were exchanged between the characters during combat.

In closing, this game was painful to play and even more painful to sit and watch. Rappers should stick to music videos and cameos in television shows and movies. Do yourself a favor and if the urge comes about to get this game, think back to the words in this review. The time it will take to see out this disaster and the \$6



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rental fee is not worth seeing the stupidity in this game. This comment by Thomas pretty much sums the whole experience up: "I'd rather play 'Frogger' with a screwdriver in my kidney."

'Matrix Reloaded' opens to surprisingly little fanfare

► Reporter looks for excitement and long lines, finds a wasted evening

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The following occurrences took place downtown on the night of the release of "The Matrix Reloaded." Whether reality or just a computer-generated feeling, only the fighters of the system know for sure.

May 15, 2003, 8:05 p.m.: I cruise to the Downtown Centre Cinema after indulging in a tasty alcoholic beverage, hoping to be able to relate to the crazy mob scene atmosphere a little easier.

8:14 p.m.: I arrive to see a line stretching to the stairs of the cinema and reaching all the way to the doors of Fresh Choice. It's Farmers Market, so there are more people than usual downtown, with a larger-than-normal group of mischievous high school students hanging out in front of Jamba Juice. Although the line is

long, it is for both the 9 p.m. and 9:30 showings.

8:30 p.m.: After trying unsuccessfully to get in, I realized I would not be receiving any free hook-ups tonight. I walked back up the stairs to sit on the steps and collect my thoughts as I fought off the realm of "The Matrix Reloaded" opening night.

8:38 p.m.: Where are the hardcore fans, the crazy Matrix stoner freaks, the people who played with Magic cards as they waited in line for days to buy tickets? I only see high

school students and guys with pretty looking dates. I want to see and talk to the 38-year-old Star Wars-like fans who play with neon green and red light sabers before going into a show.

8:41 p.m.: The doors open for the 9 p.m. show and the crowd calmly and patiently walks right in, with no mad rush for the door and prized middle row seats.

8:49 p.m.: As I avoid the tumultuous and overwhelming non-existent rowdy crowd, I overhear someone say that they have just seen the Matrix. Travis Silva, an engineer,

and Brian McFarland, a real estate appraiser, both saw the 6 p.m. show and, shockingly, they are not Trekkies, as their business casual attire signified. I asked for their reactions to the sequel and how it measured up to the first.

"I thought it was really good," McFarland said. "The special effects were a step above the first and the fight scenes were nuts."

8:55 p.m.: I talk to McFarland and Silva and ask them what they think about the lack of a big opening night crowd and if the scene was what they expected.

"People didn't know when it was really opening because they had so many shows spread out over the day," Silva said. "So I think the real geeks showed up last night at like 12:30 a.m. for some special sneak preview."

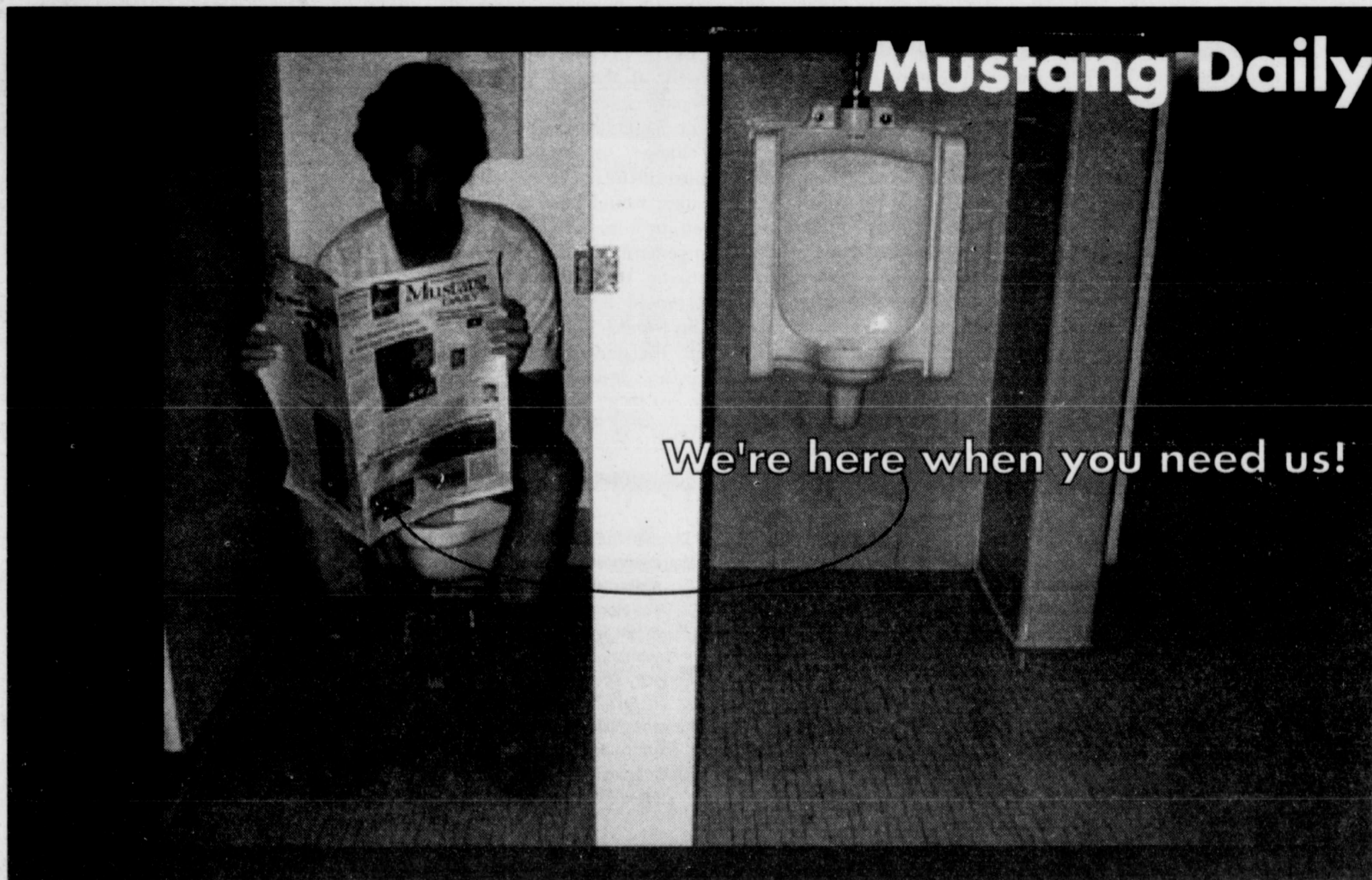
9:02 p.m.: I sit upstairs in Barnes and Noble to recall the last half-hour before venturing back down to view the 45 people who are waiting for the 9:30 p.m. showing of "Matrix Reloaded."

9:04 p.m.: The line and wait is gone and the quiet peaceful group of Matrix fans has already entered the show.

9:08 p.m.: Since I'm bewildered and confused about Matrix's opening, I go to guidance and help from an authoritative source: a Downtown Cinema ticket taker.

"There were a few people three hours before the 9 p.m. show that were tossing a Frisbee and playing cards, but that was about it," said ticket taker Whitney Behn.

9:13 p.m.: Is there anyone that can help me find the feeling and packed atmosphere of opening night? I guess things are a little hipper and cooler in San Luis Obispo and we lack obsessed fans. Oh well. Enjoy the show.



Senate right to filibuster Bush appointees

President Bush seems to have forgotten the Senate's constitutional role in the advice and confirmation process of judicial appointments. Although Senate Democrats have only filibustered two of President Bush's nominees, the Bush administration repeatedly criticizes the Senate for moving too slowly on confirming his judicial appointments. Even though the president would like the Senate to turn into a rubber-stamp, approving each judicial nominee he sends their way, the Senate can not, in

good conscience, shy away from its advisory and consent roles.

As stated in Article II of the U.S. Constitution, the president "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall

block the nomination of Priscilla Owen was not out of spite for the president, but out of concern for the growing number of extreme judges Bush has sent to the Senate for confirmation. As an April 29 editorial in the Austin-American pointed out, "Democrats are not blindly opposing all of the president's judicial nominees," rather they are attempting to block judges who do not fall within the mainstream of American politics. Both parties are guilty of attempting to pack the courts at one time or another, and that is why the role of the Senate is so crucial. It provides a safeguard against extremists becoming lifelong judges.

Justice Owen has proven to be far right of the fairly conservative Texas Supreme Court. In fact, as an April 17 editorial in the New York Times pointed out, it is "abundantly clear that she is far to the right of most Americans and that her ideology drives her decisions. On the Texas Supreme Court, she argued in one case that a minor seeking an abortion could be required to prove that she was aware of the religious objections to abortion." That case involved a Texas statute requiring parental notification of a minor intending to have an abortion. The Texas statute allows for a court order in place of parental notification if the court finds that:

- The minor is mature and sufficiently well-informed to make a decision to have an abortion performed without notifying either of her parents; or
- Botifications would not be in the best interest of the minor;
- Or notification may lead to the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of the minor.

Justice Owen, in her dissenting opinion, would have re-written the law, according to Senator Diane Feinstein, D-Calif, "to place hurdles in front of minors, hurdles that were not present

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in the Texas law." Her colleague on the Texas Supreme Court and now White House Counsel, Alberto Gonzales, called this "an unconscionable act of judicial activism."

Her record also shows she consistently rules against workers and victims of discrimination. Her pro-business stance led one Texas consumer attorney to state to Senator Feinstein "there is not a single consumer-rights attorney in the State of Texas that feels that they would get a fair shake in her courtroom."

Although the filibuster should not be used lightly, it was properly used in this case. Justice Owen had already been denied a hearing last year by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and was only renominated when Republicans took control in January. In addition, according to the New York Times editorial, "former President George Bush held a fund-raiser for a group that will run ads attacking senators who do not fall into lock step behind the administration's nominees."

If anyone is politicizing the nomination of judicial appointments, clearly it is the Bush administration.

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appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States ..." In carrying out this advisory and consent role, the Senate, as Hamilton stated in Federalist 76, will "be an excellent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the president, and would tend greatly to prevent the appointment of unfit characters from State prejudice, from family connection, from personal attachment ... In addition to this, it would be an efficacious source of stability in the administration."

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Letters to the editor

Shallon's column nothing to be ashamed of

Editor,

If Ben Eisenman doesn't like the "Sex in San Luis" column, there is a simple solution. Don't read it. It's not on the cover of the paper; in addition, it is clearly identified by both its title and the accompanying picture. It seems he'd be hard-pressed to prove that he read it by accident, thereby indicating that he read it of his own free will. So tell us, Ben, how is this shoving it in your face?

Furthermore, he proved himself to be hypocritical in the statements "advocates ... are so quick to scream about their First Amendment rights, expecting me to care" and "it makes it difficult when these people don't seem to care that having it in the middle of a public newspaper offends people ..." If he doesn't care about others' rights, then why should others show concern for his being offended?

Finally, how has Ms. Lester cheapened herself? Is an active libido and a willingness not to hide it something to be ashamed of?

Bob Lawson is a physics sophomore.

Don't like the Mustang Daily, don't read it

Editor,

This is in response to Christopher Omundson's letter "Christian letter was overzealous" (May 9). First of all, he blames the Mustang Daily for publishing a letter to the editor he feels has "no opinion." A letter to the editor needn't have an opinion, it's simply a forum for others who aren't columnists to say something to the rest of the read-

ers. Mustang Daily prints letters other students write in. You shouldn't blame them for publishing what is submitted - that is the basis for the letters to the editor section. After all, they published your letter. Second, Omundson stated that the Mustang Daily is already bad. If he really feels that, why is he even reading it? The editors at Mustang Daily work incredibly hard to put out a paper daily. Very few other schools publish daily. Not everything printed can be of the highest quality. I'm often critical of what gets printed, but I have never had anything but respect for the editors of our school's paper.

Candice R. Phelps is an architecture student who used to do graphics for the Daily and saw first-hand just how hard the editors work.

Racism knows no color

Editor,

Tylor, you are correct in saying that "understanding racism goes beyond acknowledging slavery and the Civil Rights Movement" ("Being white almost always and advantage," May 7). You are accurate in your understanding that "racism is present in everyday American life." You then go on to prove it by including in your letter a striking example of your own racist thoughts. In your concluding paragraph, you flat out say that people who aren't "white" have "a more beautiful skin color" than those who are. By writing that, you inadvertently provided two examples of anti-white racism: One micro and one macro.

On the micro level, one need only read the sentence to notice your racist tendencies. On the macro level, your ability to nonchalantly say what you did without repercussion says something about societal

anti-white racism. It is OK, evidently, for a non-white to express racist tendencies. But, if I, an American whose ethnic heritage has been rudely abbreviated as "white," were to say "you have no right to criticize people whose skin doesn't appear perpetually dirty," I'd be immediately called a racist and probably be accused of a so-called "hate crime."

You shouldn't be able to say "quit being ignorant about your own white privilege" until you yourself quit being ignorant about the world. Racism doesn't only hurt if you are a non-white. We're all humans, equally fragile.

Marc Blackwood is a fifth-year aerospace engineering student.

Commentary used a flawed argument

Editor,

Randi Block's commentary ("Marriage needs to change with the times," May 2) argues that same-sex marriage should be legalized, primarily for reasons of equality. Block states, "Every person should have the... same benefits if they are willing to make a lifelong commitment."

But if "Marriage is simply a legal contract" and "as times change, so should society," then some counterintuitive consequences follow, for the state would have no principled reason to refrain from permitting nearly any marital arrangement. For example, marital unions consisting of two brothers, or a father and son, would be consistent with Block's views. So would polygamous marriages. How about the person who has deep love for their pet and is willing to make a lifelong commitment to it? These absurdities reveal the bankruptcy of Block's underlying

view that marriage and human nature are mere social constructions, rather than realities unyielding to the winds of societal change.

Block implies that the state should remain neutral on the question of marriage, because "who's to say that one way is right and the other is wrong?" But who is Block to say "who's to say?" Block challenges people's right to make judgments but makes a judgment herself. Furthermore, the claim that the state ought to be morally neutral with respect to marriage is itself a moral claim; therefore, it is not morally neutral.

Robert George of Princeton rightly states, "a sound law of marriage is not one that aspires to moral neutrality, it is one that is in line with moral truth."

Michael Swanson is a philosophy senior.

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relationships.

"Some of the groups came up with great ideas," Ayers said. "We talked about having barbecues in the fall to allow students and residents to get to know one another."

Anderson said another idea brought up was to hand out a door hanger reminding people to meet their neighbors at the beginning of the school year.

"I think this would just give the residents a chance to get to know the students moving in," Anderson said. "Once you establish a relationship, it makes it easier to call or stop by and let your neighbor know you're going to have a few people over."

Ayers agreed.

"We were looking for ways to establish a good relationship right away," Ayers said. "The reminder notices would help to get that initial relationship started, and I think that would really help a lot."

Ayers said most community members would like to see students leaving the dorms knowing how to be a

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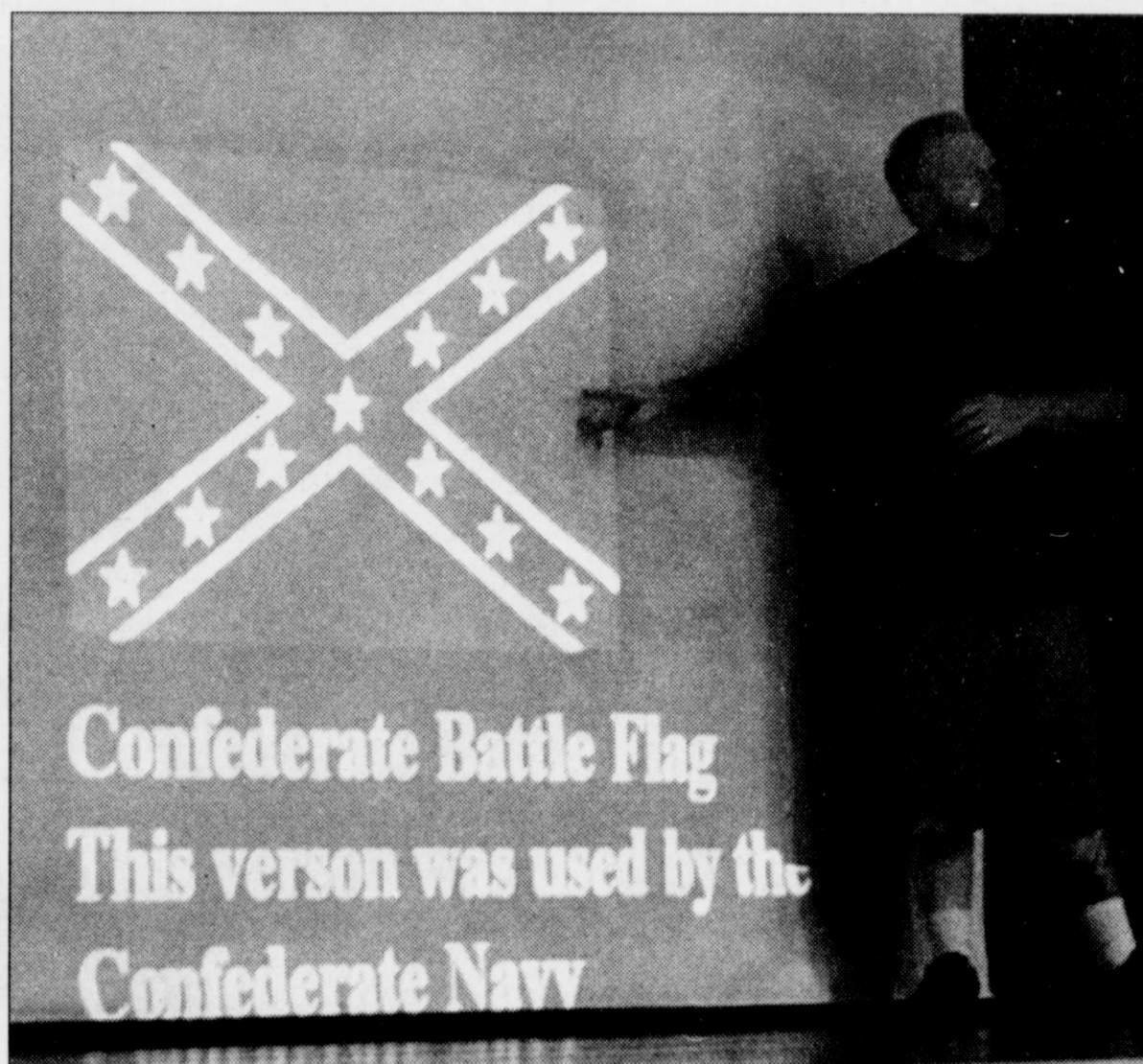
good neighbor.

"One of their main concerns is education," Ayers said. "When students leave the dorms, most of them have never lived without supervision and do not know how important it is to keep your neighbors happy. Community residents would like to see students educated on living in a residential area on your own."

Ayers said the meeting was a good way of creating new solutions without having heated arguments.

"I think it was a really good starting point," Ayers said. "We wanted a setting where we could actually get things done, and I think that we succeeded."

Former Neo-Nazi speaks at Poly



Former Neo-Nazi Tom "TJ" Leyden spoke Monday night in Chumash Auditorium. Leyden said he became a white supremacist at 15 years old. When Leyden's child was born he said he hung the confederate flag over his child's bed. Leyden now speaks on tolerance and respect.

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Cal Poly Baseball

Series slips away from 'Stangs

► After two extra-inning contests, UCSB takes series with 9-5 victory

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SANTA BARBARA — UC Santa Barbara erupted for four runs in the fourth inning and held on for a 9-5 victory over Cal Poly in the finale of a three-game Big West Conference baseball series Sunday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

With the win, the Gauchos won the series, two games to one, and, by winning five of their last six games, finished their season with records of 25-28 overall and 8-13 in the Big West. Cal Poly falls to 27-25-1 and 9-12 BWC. Cal Poly had played in six consecutive one-run games prior to Sunday.

Cal Poly overcame a 2-0 deficit with a pair of runs in the third inning.

By the numbers

► Cal Poly fell to 27-25-1 overall and 9-12 in the Big West Conference.

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The Mustangs closed the gap to 6-5 in the fifth with three runs. A wild pitch scored the first run and Kyle Wilson and Cory Taillon followed with RBI singles.

But the Gauchos scored three unanswered runs the rest of the way.

Both teams collected 14 hits, but Cal Poly committed three errors and stranded 10 runners on the basepaths.



DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustangs pulled out a 14-inning, 6-5 win over UC Santa Barbara Friday night, then dropped an extra-inning affair Saturday before losing the rubber match on Sunday afternoon in Santa Barbara.

Leading Cal Poly offensively was Herbert with four hits, including a double, and one RBI. Leavitt, Wise and shortstop Scott Anderson all had two hits apiece. For Wise, who started in place of Pat Breen (shoulder injury), it was his first two hits of the season.

Second baseman Chris Malec had three hits and an RBI to lead the Gauchos at the plate.

On Saturday, UC Santa Barbara's Nate Sutton doubled with one out in the 12th inning to drive in the winning run as UC Santa Barbara defeated Cal Poly 4-3.

Sutton's double, the lone extra-base of the game for either team, ended the second straight extra-inning game in the series. Cal Poly won Friday's series opener 6-5 in 14 innings.

The loss spoiled a brilliant pitching performance by Mustang freshman southpaw Garrett Olson, who struck out a career-high 11 in eight-plus innings, only to get no decision.

Olson walked two and allowed three runs and six hits, throwing 128 pitches (90 for strikes).

But UC Santa Barbara scored a run in the bottom of the ninth to chase Olson and send the game into extra innings. Chris Malec singled to right with the bases loaded, knotting the score at 3-3.

UCSB still had the bases loaded with nobody out, but Mustang reliever Tony Saipie secured a foul popup and a double play to escape the threat and extend the game.

Cal Poly, which fell to 4-4 in extra-inning games this season, had a four-game winning streak snapped. It was the Mustangs' sixth consecutive game decided by one run.

Cal Poly scored in the first inning on Adam Leavitt's grounder to shortstop and added two more in the sixth on an RBI single by Kyle Wilson and a throwing error.

But the Mustangs were held scoreless over the final six innings, even though Cal Poly had several chances

to score, stranding eight runners on the basepaths for the game.

Wilson and Cory Taillon each had a pair of hits for Cal Poly, which was out-hit 10-8 by the Gauchos. Blair Havens, Nic Rodriguez, Josh McCanne and Malec each produced two hits for UCSB.

► Sophomore Dennis LeDuc pitched eight innings of relief to pick up the win in Friday's 14-inning game.

but handled five chances flawlessly in the infield, starting the double play which sent the game into extra innings.

Alex McRobbie (1-0), UCSB's fourth pitcher of the game, pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

On Friday, Adam Leavitt scored on a passed ball in the top of the 14th

inning to snap a 5-5 tie and Cal Poly went on to beat UC Santa Barbara 6-5.

Leavitt and Pat Breen singled to open the 14th and, after a groundout, Kyle Wilson was walked intentionally to load the bases with one out. Leavitt scored on a passed ball.

UC Santa Barbara's first two batters reached base in the bottom of the 14th, but two groundouts and a strikeout preserved the Mustangs' win.

Sophomore right-hander Dennis LeDuc (3-0) pitched eight innings in relief for the win, by far his longest outing of the season. LeDuc had pitched 3.2 innings at Pacific in early April.

LeDuc relieved starter Josh Kough with nobody out in the bottom of the seventh, an inning in which UCSB scored all of its five runs to overcome a 4-0 deficit. LeDuc struck out four, walked five and allowed three runs and seven hits.

Kough, who remains 1-8 on the year, was involved in his seventh no-decision of the year. Cal Poly has won five of those games. The Mustangs posted their 10th come-from-behind win of the year.

Cal Poly tied the game at 5-5 in the eighth inning on Sam Herbert's RBI single.

The Mustangs scored single runs in the second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth frames. Wilson hit his sixth home run of the season in the second inning, the 20th of his Mustang career, alone in sixth place on Cal Poly's career home run list.

Wilson, a junior first baseman, also doubled in the fourth inning, the 39th of his Cal Poly career, No. 5 all-time.

Cal Poly out-hit UCSB 14-12. Herbert, Leavitt, Breen, Josh Mayo, Wilson and Alex Chavarria all had two hits for the Mustangs.

The 14-inning game, which required 5 hours, 6 minutes to complete, equalled the longest Mustang game since Cal Poly moved to Division I prior to the 1995 season. The Mustangs beat Pacific 11-10 in 14 innings on April 21, 2001.

Cal Poly Men's Golf

Star freshman nearly qualifies for NCAAs

► Bertoni settles for 16th at West Regional after firing second-round 71

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

AUBURN, Wash. — Freshman Travis Bertoni just missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships as an individual, finishing tied for 16th overall with a combined score of 218 at the 2003 West Regional golf championships at the Washington National Golf Course in Auburn, Wash. Bertoni shot a round of 74 on Saturday in the final round. He shot a 73 and a 71 in the first two rounds.

UCLA held off a late charge by Arizona to claim the Bruins' first regional championship with a score of 864, winning by one stroke. New Mexico's Michael Letzig won medalist honors at 8-under 208.

UNLV and Georgia tied for third at the tournament at 871 while Arizona State and New Mexico shared fifth place at

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879. The Washington men's golf team tied Southern California for seventh at 286. Oregon and San Diego State grabbed the final two qualifying positions to the NCAA Championship by tying for ninth at 21-over 885.

Clemson won the NCAA East Regional by nine strokes at 25-under 839. Other teams qualifying from that regional were Georgia Tech (848), Florida (859), Tennessee (863), Duke (866), Wake Forest (868), Augusta State (873), South Carolina (873), Vanderbilt (875) and Auburn (877).

Oklahoma State took top honors at the Central Regional by five shots at 8-under 856. The other nine

schools to advance from that site to the NCAAs were Illinois (861), North Carolina State (862), North Carolina (867), Texas (867), Kentucky (869), SMU (870), Minnesota (870), Arkansas (870) and Wichita State (871). Pepperdine's Michael Putnam shot

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7-under 64 during the afternoon session to place second overall at 6-under 210 and qualify for the NCAAs as an individual. Putnam's score was a course record for Washington National Golf Club. University of Denver's Tony Giarratano claimed the other individual qualifying score by finishing with a score of 215, placing him in a tie for eighth.

Bertoni finished his first year with the Mustangs with the lowest stroke per round average on the team at 72.3. Including his first NCAA Regional appearance, Bertoni finished the season with eight top-20 finishes and five top-10 finishes.